

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the following paragraph as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/223,148, filed 8/19/2002, ~~entitled "Porous Intervertebral Distraction Spacers".~~October 4, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,623,525, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/906,123, filed July 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,471,725.